

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

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Plaintiff,  
vs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant.

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: Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
: JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_  
: MAGISTRATE JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER GRANTING THE PARTIES' JOINT MOTION (DOC. #\_\_\_\_) TO:  
(1) STAY THIS CASE FOR \_\_\_\_ DAYS; AND (2) DENY ALL PENDING  
MOTIONS AS MOOT AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO REILING AT  
THE CONCLUSION OF THAT STAY**

The parties to this dispute have jointly advised the Court, through counsel, that: (1) settlement discussions are occurring, or will occur; (2) the parties all seek to resolve their dispute, and settle this case, in a collaborative fashion without further litigation or Court involvement; and (3) counsel for all parties have been trained in collaborative settlement techniques by the Cincinnati-based Collaborative Law Center.

The parties' joint motion to temporarily stay this case and deny all pending motions without prejudice (Doc. #\_\_\_\_) is, therefore, **GRANTED**. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

1. This case is **STAYED** for \_\_\_\_ DAYS, during which time the parties and their counsel will undertake settlement discussions in good faith; and

2. All pending motions are **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO REFILE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS** of the termination of the stay.

If the parties' efforts result in a settlement, they shall file the appropriate entry with the Clerk of Courts.

Either side can end the stay, and reinstate this case upon the Court's active docket, by filing with the Clerk a notice of the intent to resume litigating this matter. If filed, a copy of such notice shall be provided to all other parties.

If settlement negotiations are still ongoing at the conclusion of the \_\_\_\_-day period, and the parties wish to extend the stay, they shall file, prior to the expiration of the stay, a joint stipulation requesting that the case remain stayed for an additional period of time. In the stipulation, the parties shall jointly affirm that they are continuing to use good faith efforts to resolve this matter without litigation, and that they jointly agree to continue so acting. The Court may hold a hearing to determine if settlement is likely. If settlement appears unlikely, the Court may decline to extend the stay. In that event, the Court will place this case back upon the active docket and issue a Revised Calendar Order, if necessary. The parties must obtain trial counsel of record within thirty (30) days of the placement of the case upon the active docket, and the parties' Collaborative Law Center counsel must withdraw within that same time period.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_